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PROJECT BRIEFING

PROJECT: LIENVOY WH - Mexico

ACTION: ADDP approval of renewal 1 Feb 63 - 31 Jan 64

PURPOSE: Project provides for a joint CIA/Mexican Government

telephone tap center and for a nonofficial liaison relationship which provides access to the highest levels of the Mexican Government. All Soviet and Czechoslovak installations and major anti-U.S. elements are covered

by the operation.

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Project has provided Station with a channel to the President of Mexico which is effective, rapid and covert, and was particularly worthwhile in making arrangements for President Kennedy's visit to Mexico in June 1962. The Mexican President was also briefed on the Cuban situation through this channel. The joint tap center provides coverage of 30 lines yielding positive and CI information of value. Division reports 236 positive disseminations on a variety of topics with concentration on Communist and anti-U.S. activity. A large amount of information not disseminated is used by other U.S. agencies in Mexico. The Station feels that this operation contributes greatly to the present friendly attitude of Mexican Government leaders toward U.S. policies.

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STAFF COMMENTS: FI and CI Staffs concur in renewal.

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CI STAFF: Concurs with Station's plan to move the intercept center for the reasons stated. The project activity is bound to become of interest to various opposition elements and the Station is well advised to make necessary changes to provide for and improve on the security of the operation.

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Project LIZ:7/07 WH/Mexico

FI operation employing audio surveillance and liaison-on-the highest government level

- 1. FI/LM files contain 255 positive information disseminations produced by Project LIENVOY during calendar year 1962 - 130 regular CS disseminations, 116 teletyre reports on subjects of current or priority interest, and nine transmittals of official documents from Communist or leftist organizations in Mexico. LIENVOY reports provided information on the Mexican Communist Party (PCN), the Popular Socialist Party (PPS), the new but increasingly rewarful National Liberation Novement (MLN) an anti-US, pro-Cuba Communist Front, on other Front or leftist organizations, and on individuals active in these organizations. Among the persons of intelligence interest most extensively reported on were Vicente LOMRANDO Toledano, head of the PFS and an official in the World Federation of Trade Unions; Jorge L. TAMAYO Castillejos, an avowed Marxist appointed to a government position; Braulic MIDONADO Sandez, Communist former governor of Baja California; the former president of Mexico, General Lazaro CARDENAS del Rio, head of MIN; and General CARDENAS son, Cuauhtemoc CAMDENAS Solerzano. LIZMOY provided also information on Mexican contacts with Soviet Bloc countries, with Cuba, and with leftists of other Latin American countries; on Communist and leftist publications; on Prensa Latina and other Cuban propaganda efforts in Mexico; on the reaction of Mexican and international Communists to the imprisonment of famed muralist David AIFARO Siqueiros, and their activities on his behalf. Valuable reporting in connection with President Kennedy's visit to Mexico was provided — Communist plans for sabotage, the Government's tactics to inhibit their fulfillment, and information on favorable reaction to the US President's speech expressed secretly by pro-Communist members of the MIN. Among the disseminations which had to do with Cuba, a number reported the transshipment of goods, a subject of special intelligence interest and one, which reported the views of high-level government officials concerning the Cuban crisis, was described by CCI's analyst as extremely valuable.
- 2. The recently-issued (9 January 1963) FNIO cites as Third Category Priority National Intelligence Colectives the following to which LIENVOY reporting is relevant: "The reaction of Latin American Governments and peoples to developments in and with respect to Cuba; the vulnerabilities of particular

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countries to Castro-Communist subversion" Among the projects collecting intelligence information on Mexico, LIENVOY is the most productive in terms of volume. In addition, the high level of its sources and the technical means by which it is acquired give the reporting significance and authenticity.

3. FI/INT considers this an excellent project. RENEWAL IS RECOMMENDED.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Deputy Director (Plans)

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SUPJECT:

Project LIENVOY Renewal

Foreign Intelligence Staff recommends renewal of Project LIENVOY. With its 255 positive intelligence disseminations during the past year, FI/INT has pointed out that it is the most productive project, in terms of volume, reporting on Mexico. It is also the most productive telephone tap operations, in terms of volume, of all our tap efforts. The reports on Cuban matters and reports connected with President Kennedy's trip to Mexico were of especial value.

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- 1. It is requested that the LECTOV includes a renewed for the period 1 sebruary 1905 throw 1. It samples from a total of (7,0.7), (19,210) for 27 1003 and (20,000) for 17 1901.
- 2. The Haison channel of this project to LILLEGALT, LIERGO, and the Freeldert of Lenine has particularly combined to during the party year in relians arrangements for the trip of reculdent Lennedy to Lexico from 2 dure to 1 July and at the time of the Judan crisis in October 1752. The Judan or Letter was given permission to give Tresident LOFFEL Letters a special priof-inm on Soviet missile bases in Juda and special photographs were shown to him. In view of Acceptation Toportant position in the Theoremsia hom-intervention came of Latin Aleminan countries, the ready agrees to President LOFFEL Lateos, through the JOS the has built up an excellent rapport, is an invaluable asset for OFFELL policy makern. The present Amargador has chosen to use this channel on several occapions.
- 3. The Station passes to the President PRANTD naterial after proper editing. These are given his promptly so that the information will be timely, and he has shown great interest in this weekly briefing. In fact, he has asked for special briefings, and one such report on the India-Red Chinese berder war was graphred for him. On his trip to the Var hast in October 1902, he asked for special briefings on secuniar and important personalities who were recommists or pro-communists in three countries he planned to visit; indexessla, Japan, and India. They were prepared by SI/IDB and forwarded to the Station for translation and passage to the President.
- 4. The joint tag senter which provides coverage of 30 lines, is one of the most important sources of positive intelligence and dl information for Nexico. The Station is provided with the take from these lines on a daily basis. There is a NUBARI staff Agent, Arnold P. ARRHART (ps), the spends full the in the LP, and is responsible for complete maintenance of all the

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equipment and for controlling MTRALE, interests in this phase of the Project.

- F. With recard to events which might be considered as bearing on the security of this project, the Station reported that on 15 June 1952, at approximately 3030, the conciongs noticed two men standing directly across the street from the LF and the second to have an unusual interest in the activity of the LF. After about an hour both got in an automobile and continued to watch the building from the car, and from time to time appeared to be taking notes on the comings and goings of the installations, as well as making notes on the cars used by the personnel of the LF. They attempted to follow one LF employee when he left for lunch. Later that day, LIENVCY-2 and IMENVOY-1: approached one of the two surveillance men and asked for an explanation of his action that day. They also asked hir to identify himself. He showed them a driver's license with the name Mariano VERA Contalet. This information was checked at the bepartment of Truffic and found to be the license of another person. The Traffic Department was staked out to determine who, if anyone, might show an interest in the names and addresses of the cars used by LP personnel. On the 16th of June, an agent of the Jecret Service of the Folice Headquarters showed up and tried to obtain information about the owner of the license ; lates on LIENVOY-2's car. The stake-out employee and Secret Service run checked the traffic files, but the information was not there. In conversation with the Scoret Service man, information was gained which led the Station to suspect that he was a member of an investigative group headed by a Mexican whose aim is to obtain political information for Mexican politicians. Since the 15th, no further attempts to place the If under observation have been noted. Any problems such as this can be handled, if necessary, by the COS and his government contacts since this is a joint venture.
- 6. During the past project year, there have been 236 disseminations based on LIENTOY and LIENTOF42 information: 200 from the former and 30 from the latter. LIENTOY reporting covered such topics as:
- a. Activities of Mexican leftists such as Lazaro CARDINAS, Jorge L. TAMAYO, Vicenta LONDANDO Toledano.
 - b. World Pesas Council.
 - c. Soviet and Czech activities in Mexico.
 - d. Activities of Soviet and Czech officials in Mexico.
 - e. Mational Liberation Movement (MIM).

- f. Cuban cornercial activities in Mexico, and transshipment of goods to Cuba.
 - g. Activities in Cuba and Cuban activities in Mexico.
 - h. Hexican Communist Party.
 - i. Popular Socialist Farty.
 - j. Clandestine Communist propaganda and periodicals.
- k. Coverage of activity in Mexico of interest to KUBARK in connection with the trip of Fresident Mennedy.
 - 1. Travel of persons of interest.

LIENVOY-2's informants provided reports covering such topics as the following:

- a. Communist Party activities in Mexico.
- b. Anti-government propaganda and activity.
- c. Pational Liberation Hovement.
- d. Anti-U.S. activity in the Mational University.
- e. Developments in Mexico of interest regarding the trip of President Kennedy.
- 7. IH Division supports the attached renewal request for Project LIENVCY submitted by the Mexico Sity Station. This project is considered one of the Station's most productive sources of positive, operational and SI information. Also, it provides a Glandestine Channel to the President of Mexico for both the Station and the Ambassador.

REQUEST FOR PHOJECT LIENVOY RETEWAL

A. Current Objectives.

The objectives of this project remain the same as those stated in the last renewal request. The project continues to provide the Mexico Station with a smooth and rapid channel to Mexico's highest political figures. The Principal Agent continues to be a close associate of Pres IOPEZ Mateos. The intercept center has undergone no major changes during the past year.

- 1. RFDM-6 Objectives Priority A, 1, a; Priority A, 4, a, b, c; and Priority B, 2 and 3 continue to be effectively covered by this project. Cordial and friendly relations continue between Government of Mexico leaders and the Chief of Station, Mexico. During the past year, the Chief of Station, Mexico, at the request of the Chief, ODACID, Mexico, has held a number of covert meetings with Aresident to convey ODYONE policy matters. The Chief, ODACID, remains pleased with this access to Mexican efficials.
- 2. All Soviet and Czechoslovak installations in Mexico City are covered by this project. The Case Officer for Soviet Operations and the Case Officer for Soviet Satellite Operations rely heavily on this product for operational leads and data to support double agent operations.
- All major anti-PEPRIME elements in Mexico City ere covered by this project.
- 4. Targets of opportunity which appear to be hostile or critical to PEPRINE or to the present Government of Mexico are covered by this project.

All major objectives of the project are being effectively realized.

B. Changes.

At a yet to be determined date, it is planned to move the intercept center from its present location. Two reasons are behind this rove:

1) security, since the present base has been used for almost three years: and 2) to provide the center with more mobile equipment. Such equipment is now under consideration by KURIOF and when it becomes available, an amendment to this project will be forwarded requesting approval for the transfer of the intercept center.

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C. Intelligence Production.

The activities report forwarded to headquarters each month lists the intelligence reports received from this project. During 1962 there were 534 intelligence reports produced by this project which were forwarded to Headquarters through 1 December 1962. All of these concerned REDM-6 reporting priorities and current requirements levied by Headquarters and the ODACID installation.

In addition, this project produces a large amount of information which is not disseminated on a current basis but is reported to ODACID, ODENVY and other ODYOKE agencies in reply to a steady stream of routine file trace requests. These file trace requests run into the thousands each month. It would be difficult to determine the exact percentage of the information produced by LIEINOY; but in many instances involving prominent Mexican Government officials, large portions of the file came to us through LIENVOY coverage.

D. Effectiveness.

The LIENVOY project provides the Station with a channel to the highest level of the Mexican Government which is both effective and rapid as well as covert. The Station continues to receive the daily "resumen" highlights from the thirty (30) lines covered. A high percentage of current intelligence is discominated from these daily reports. In addition, full transcripts are received on Soviet and Czech lines and on any of the thirty targets we may request. A good part of this is personality data useful only to KUDARK and in some cases to ODENVY. In addition, the project provides a support mechanism for covering targets of interest to KUBARK or other ODYOKE agencies.

E. Problems.

There have been no significant security, cover, control or liaison problems during the past year.

F. Liaison.

From a liaison point of view, the Station believes that this project contributes greatly to the present friendly attitude of the Mexican Government leaders toward ODYOKE policies. The liaison remains clandestine in nature though contacts between the Chief of Station and Pres LOFES Mateos are usually made at the request of the Chief, ODACID, Mexico.

G. Interagency Coordination.

The Chief, ODACID, Mexico, is the only ODYOKE representative in Mexico outside KUPARK who is aware of this project. His role has been

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explained above and the coordination with NUTAPK is excellent.

H. Plans.

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No significant operational changes are recommended for the next project year. Subject to the continuation of the present Mexican officials in their current positions, the project will not be changed.

I. Costs.

1. For the past period.

The cost of the project (paid by Mexico Station exclusive of Headquarters costs) from 1 February 1962 through 30 June 1962 was US \$16,253.00 and from 1 July 1962 through 30 November 1962 (actual) US \$13,122.00 and \$7,600.00 for December and January (estimated). The total for the past year will be approximately US \$36,975.00.

2. For the next project year.

During the period 1 February 1963 through 31 January 1964, an estimated amount of US \$47,068.00 will be required with US \$15,210.00 to be spent from 1 February 1963 through 30 June 1963 and US \$28,858.00 to be spent from 1 July 1963 through 31 January 1964.

3. Agent Salaries.

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LIENVOY/2.	6.000.	5,760.	2,400.	3,360.
LIENVOY/4	3,000.	2,880.	1,200.	1,680.
LIENVOY/5	3,000.	2,880.	1,200.	1,680.
LIENVOY, 7	2,000.	1,920.	800.	1,120.
LIENVOY/8	2,000.	1,920.	800.	1,120.
LIENVOY/11	3,000.	2,850.	1,200.	1,680.
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LIENVOY/14 /	2,000.	1,920.	800.	1,120.
LIENVOY/15	650.	624.	26 0.	364.
LIENVOY/16	2,000.	1,920.	800.	1.120.
LIENVOY/18	3,000.	2,880.	1,200.	1,680.
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new agents or sever	rance pay	2,284.	950.	1,334.
Operational expenses		2,000.	800.	1,200.

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Local purchase supplies & equipment	2,500.	1,000.	1,500.
Upkeep of 2 QP vehicles	1,200.	400.	800.
Safehouse rental	2,500.	1,000.	1,500.
Entertainment & gifts for Mexican officials	3,000.	1,000.	2,000.
Purchase of information via LIENVOY/2 5,000.	2,800.	1,200.	1,600.
TOTAL	47,068.	18,210.	28,858.

J. Annex.

The equipment and Heudquarters' technical support furnished this project during the past year has been commendable. A project amendment will be submitted requesting additional equipment for the transfer of the intercept center as soon as modifications and estimates are known.

K. Emergency Conditions.

Should a crisis require the evacuation of the KUHARK staff agent working inside the Intercept Center, contact can be maintained with LHELEGART at his clandestine apartment. This address is retained at the Mexico Station. If the contact is not made by Willard C. CURTIS, the use of his name should be sufficient introduction. LHENVOY/2 could be contacted in the same manner at his home in Mexico City.